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UWM has one of the worst black-white achievement gaps in the U.S. Here’s what the university is doing about it.



Rondell Johnson Jr., 29, revisits the Black Cultural Center at UW-Milwaukee, where his 11-year path to a bachelor's degree ended successfully. Out of high school, he attended and dropped out of Marquette University. He finally connected with teachers and advisers at Milwaukee Area Technical College, on his way to UWM.
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Rondell Johnson Jr. wishes he had understood at 18 what it takes to make it through college. Now 29 and a newly minted honors graduate of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, the young African-American man can explain with 20/20 hindsight why it took him 11 years to finish what traditionally is a four-year bachelor’s degree.

His path wound from Marquette University to Milwaukee Area Technical College before finally ending at UWM.

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What does Milwaukee want in its next chief?

Communication, morale mentioned as needs

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If history is any indication, Milwaukee will choose to hire its next police chief from inside the ranks.

Ten years ago, Chief Edward Flynn became only the second chief appointed from outside the department in modern history.

Interviews with local leaders and residents show a preference for someone with deep knowledge of the department and city.

Those interviewed stressed the need for the next chief to be transparent, responsive and willing to listen and work



Flynn

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Yearlong wait for suspected killer leads widower toward closure

Two more charged with harboring suspect

Jesse Garza Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
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Karen Simek reached her peak of 2,500 annual miles on her bike by January 2017, despite the challenges posed by a blood clot and compression socks from a broken leg almost 20 years before.

Most of those miles were with her husband, Kevin Sasse — treks along the farmlands of the Glacial Drumlin State Trail, or the rolling terrain of the Lake Country Trail.



Simek

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Mop art
Consider the mop. Melissa Dorn Richards does. She considers it art. **Tap / 1E**

Waiting game for apartments
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